

REMARKS

Claims 38-75 are pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 38-50, 53, 54, 57-63, 69 and 71-74 are rejected. Claim 51, 52, 55, and 56 are objected to. Claims 64-68, 70 and 75 are allowed.

In particular and according to the item numbering therein, the Office Action has:

In Items 1 and 2, rejected claims 39-42, 45-47 and 49 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Raina (U.S. Pat. No. 6,635,983);

In Item 3, rejected claims 39-47, 50, 53, 54, 57-63, 69 and 71-74 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee (US Pub. 2005/0067935);

In Items 4 and 5, rejected claims 38 and 48 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Duan;

In Item 6, objected to claims 51, 52, 55, 56, and 70 as being dependent on a rejected claims but indicating that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; and

In Item 7, indicated that claims 64-68, 70, and 75 are allowed.

Regarding Items 1 and 2, Applicant has cancelled claim 39 without prejudice or surrender of subject matter so that a continuation can be filed, and changed the dependencies of claims 40-42 and 45-47 so that these claims depend from allowable claim 51 and the dependency of claim 49 to depend from allowable claim 64.

Regarding Item 3, Applicant has changed the dependencies of claims 43, 44, 53, 57 so that they now depend from allowable claim 51, and canceled claims 58-63, without prejudice or surrender of subject matter for later presentation in a continuation application. Applicant believes that, with the change of dependencies, claims 50 and 54 are now allowable. Applicant has also changed the dependencies of 71 and 74 so that they depend from claim 51 and has canceled claims 69, 72 and 73 without prejudice or surrender of subject matter.

Regarding Items 4 and 5, Applicant has canceled claim 38 without prejudice or surrender of subject matter and changed the dependency of claim 48 to depend from allowable claim 51.

Regarding Item 6, Applicant has rewritten claims 51, 52, 55, 56, and 70 as independent claims according to the Examiner's suggestion. Regarding claim 70, the Examiner has indicated

that the claim is allowable. However, claim 70, before these amendments, depended from rejected claim 69. Applicant believes the Examiner meant that the claim is objected to and, therefore, has rewritten claim 70 in independent form to include the limitations of claims 69 and 39 (the claim from which 69 depended). Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner confirm Applicant's interpretation of this matter.

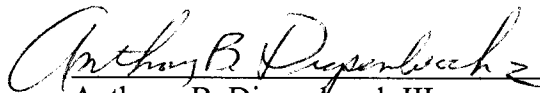
Finally, Applicant has added claims 76-86. These claims add limitations of the now allowable claims to claim 64, as follows. Claims 76, 77, 78 and 79 apply the limitations of claims 46, 47, 48, and (pre-amended) 51, respectively to claim 64. Claim 80 applies the limitation of (pre-amended) claim 52 to claim 79. Claims 81, 82, 84, 85, and 86 apply the limitations of claims 41, 53, (pre-amended) 55, (pre-amended) 56, and 71, respectively to claim 64. Claim 83 applies the limitation of claim 54 to claim 82. Applicant believes that these new claims do not introduce new matter and should be allowable as they depend from allowable claim 64 either directly or indirectly. Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Thus, in light of the above, having responded to each and every ground of rejection, and objection, Applicants respectfully request a notice of allowability for the currently pending, non-canceled and added claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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